

## **PUBLIC REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENT FOR PART B OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT**

The Iowa Department of Education is preparing to submit its State Eligibility document for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended, to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. This plan reflects the cooperative efforts of the Department of Education and other agencies to provide a full educational program and related services to all children and youth with disabilities requiring such programs and/or services. This document contains the information required by the U. S. Department of Education for Iowa to continue to receive funding under the provisions of the IDEA, Part B. The document contains policies that have been revised to meet the amended requirements of IDEA. The documents have been posted on the Iowa Department of Education's website since February 27, 2009.

### **Public Hearings Notification:**

The Iowa Department of Education will conduct public hearings relating to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B State Eligibility document for the delivery of special education and related services in Iowa. This document describes the educational services available for children and youth with disabilities in the State of Iowa and provides assurance that a free appropriate education will be made available to all children with disabilities. This document will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education prior to May 11, 2009.

Copies of the document may be obtained for review by contacting the following official: Mr. Thomas A. Mayes, Consultant, Legal, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA. 50319-0146; telephone: 515/281-3176. The document and a form for input are also available on the Iowa Department of Education's web site at: [www.iowa.gov/educate](http://www.iowa.gov/educate). Input may be provided at the hearings to be held at the times and locations indicated below or through the Department's web site by using the input form titled "**Comment on Policies for Part B, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Eligibility Document 2009.**" Comments may also be e-mailed to the following address: [ideaplanb@iowa.gov](mailto:ideaplanb@iowa.gov).

### **The hearings will be conducted at the following time and locations over the ICN:**

Date:	<b>Friday, April 3, 2009</b>	Time:	<b>1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b>
Locations	Iowa Department of Justice Judicial State Office Building 1111 East Court Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50319	AEA 267 9184-265 <sup>th</sup> St. Suite B Clear Lake, Iowa 50428	
	AEA 267 3706 Cedar Heights Drive Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613	Sioux City East High School, 5011 Mayhew Avenue Sioux City, Iowa 51106	
	Xavier High School 6300 42 <sup>nd</sup> ST NE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52411	Loess Hills AEA 13 24997 Hwy 92 East Council Bluffs, Iowa. 51502	
	Southern Prairie AEA 15 2814 North Court Street Ottumwa, Iowa 52501		

Those who require a sign language interpreter or other special assistance are asked to contact the official named above by Monday, March 23, 2009 4 P.M. CDT, so that accommodations can be arranged to ensure receipt of input and comments.

In order to ensure that all interested parties will have an opportunity to make comments at the aforementioned hearings, the Department of Education recommends the following procedures:

- (a) In presenting both oral and written statements, each commenter should (1) indicate his or her name, title and address; (2) identify each specific part of the plan on which comments are being made; (3) describe the concern with respect to the part; and (4) stipulate the recommended action to be taken.
- (b) Each person planning to make an oral presentation should (1) prepare a written statement of his or her comments in advance of the hearing; (2) make the presentation as concise as possible; and (3) submit a copy of the prepared statement to the Department personnel present at the hearing.

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